

National Corporation of Small Scale Industries for export of aluminium wares;

(c) the names of the countries to whom the said export is likely to be made; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of aluminium wares during 1997-98.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The total quantity of Aluminium wares exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years is given below :

Year	(Quantity in KG) (Foreign Exchange equivalent in Rupees crores)	
	Quantity	Value
1993-94	2218428	35.81
1994-95	2504016	42.13
1995-96	2892323	46.31
1996-97 (April-August '96)	1735970	18.17

(b) The countries to which exports have been made by the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., are U.K. Australia, Holland and Portugal.

(c) The Countries to which exports of aluminium are likely to be made by the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., are Germany and Middle East.

(d) Promotion of exports has been the constant endeavour of the Government. Measures taken to boost exports of engineering goods including aluminium wares, consist of various incentives under the Export-Import Policy like Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Special Import Licence, Duty Drawback Scheme, exemption under Section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act and assistance from Market Development Fund.

[Translation]

Bank Branches in U.P.

4289. SHRI BALIRAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present number of banks in Uttar Pradesh Particularly in Azamgarh district are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the people of rural areas;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government

to open more branches of bank; and

(c) the time by which new bank branches are likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) As per the extant Branch Licencing Policy of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the decision to open branches is left to the judgement of the individual banks. Proposals for opening rural branches in the service area of applicant banks, duly recommended by the concerned State Governments are considered by RBI.

As on the last Friday of March 1996, there were 8670 branches of scheduled commercial banks in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The RBI have reported that the following allotments for opening branches in Uttar Pradesh have been made during the last two years i.e. 1995-96 and 1996-97 :

Rural	—	10
Semi Urban	—	37
Urban	—	35
Metro	—	8

This includes one semi-urban branch allotted for District Azamgarh.

(c) RBI have also reported that after allotments for opening of branches are made, banks are required to obtain licences on completion of all infrastructural arrangements. The new branches may be opened generally within two to three years.

Model Code for Concluding Contract

4290. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any model code of purchase has been framed and is applicable/binding on all Ministries/ Departments while concluding contract and arranging supplies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether officers posted in various Ministries/ Departments after decentralisation of DGS&D have been directed to follow purchase policy framed by his Ministry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and